

Report from Makang'wa

March 2019

Dear Friends,

This is a special edition of the Report from Makang'wa, introducing the key staff members here at the Amani Center. It will be helpful when you can put faces to the names. I leave for Australia on March 12th therefore it will be helpful for you to see who will be 'holding the fort'. Beatrice, the Head of the school, was in the last Report.

This morning, March 7th, we held a Parents' Meeting at the school. It was simply wonderful. I have never seen the parents so enthusiastic and supportive. It seemed to be a room full of love. One mother, who has a child transferred from another private school said, "My son is happy here. He says the teachers work with us, shoulder to shoulder. He is doing well." Another parent, a teacher from the Mvumi Secondary School, said, "The graduates from Prince of Peace are all #1 – 2 – 3 in their Forms at Secondary School." Another Father, a Muslim, urged all parents to fully support the school. He said, "I do not speak English. In the morning my son says, 'Good morning, daddy' – and I do not know what to say!" He then arranged for all parents to assist with cutting all long grass on the grounds! This was a morning of special encouragement to the staff.

Now I shall let the staff members introduce themselves.



My name is Grace Philemon Haroldy. I am 27 years and the holder of A Secretarial Certificate. I work here at Amani as personal secretary, therefore I perform all of the secretarial duties, and also assist the cooks when there is a special gathering. I am happy to work at Amani under the strong and caring man, Father John.

He is good to me and also to others. I would like to say 'Thank you' for everything which you have done to assist the work here, and for what you may plan to do later for the people associated with Amani. God bless you. Grace Philemon.



My name is James Juma. My wife is named Philomena John. She is a nurse at the Mvumi Hospital. We live at Mvumi Mission. I have four children, three girls and one boy, Catherine, Grace, Noel and Beatrice. I have been working with Amani from late 2005 and I love my job. Amani is so important to the lives of many people in this district. I work as the official driver and do my best to make sure the vehicles are kept in good condition, supervising the regular maintenance schedule and notifying Fr. John of any problems.



My name is Dinna Menda. I am married to Makomelo David Eliah. I have a son named Brian. I am the Accountant at the Amani Development Organization and also Bursar at Prince of Peace School. I thank my hero F. John for making my dreams come true. He arranged my sponsorship from America and Australia. I shall ever be thankful to Bibi Vada RIP, America, and Bibi Daphne, Australia. They have helped my dreams to come true.

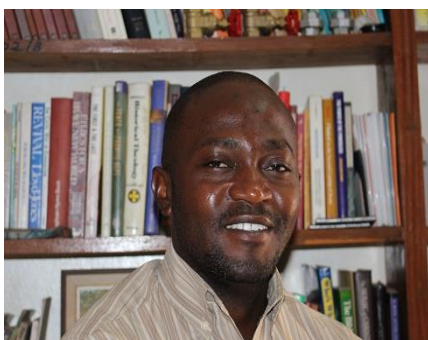
God be with you all.



I am Abel D. Petro. I have a Bachelor Degree in Rural Development from Sokoine University of Agriculture and a Masters in Project Planning and Development from the University of Dar es salaam. I am since March, 2019, in charge of all projects here at the Amani Organization. My plan is to work hard and make all projects successful by working together with all staff members. I shall also be sharing my knowledge and experience with members of Makang'wa Village in order to help them start their own small projects for the purpose of improving their own living standards. Dear supporters, thank you very much for supporting the Amani Development Organization.



I am Samson M. Milawi, graduate with a Diploma in General Agriculture from MATI-ILONGEA College, graduating 2016. I am thankful for the Managing Director for sponsoring me in my studies. I am working as the Agricultural Field Officer/Farm Supervisor at the Amani Center. My responsibilities include: a daily watch on all crops and supervising farm workers and volunteers; supervision of the charcoal supply to the center and the Prince of Peace School; supervising the use of the irrigation system; supervising the power supply for all Aman Activities. May God bless you all.



I am Godson Magawa, Assistant to the Managing Director at Amani. My wife's name is Regina. We have a son Eric (6) and a daughter Elice (7mo). I have an Advanced Diploma in Regional Planning and a Masters in Project Management and Finance. I take this opportunity to express my appreciation and thanks for the tremendous time, energy and donations our supporters have invested in developing ADO activities. Your actions not only motivate the growth and development of the

people in this community but also show the great and true love of humankind in helping each other.

A letter of Appreciation from the Chairman, Makang'wa Village.

*(My note. Read **AMANI** for every place where the Chairman mentions 'Fr. John'. It is surely 'we', no 'he'!)*

As Village Chairperson, on behalf of Makang'wa Village I thank God for everything that you have started and thank God as you continue to cooperate with the society in various social services in Makang'wa village. When you arrived you were in need of a place of settlement and a reserve area for conducting various projects like grape production, which in turn provided education for grape production to our society! Some members gained employment for the betterment of the whole society. Also you launched vegetable farming, especially tomatoes, which influenced the youth of our society to engage in such farming activity. They were able to improve their lives. Others are building modern houses, buying cows, pigs and ploughs. Others go further by funding their children to higher education. You also provide sponsorship for the children from poor families.

You also founded a block making center for the construction of houses. In 2008 you provided 1400 blocks for the Village Dispensary, and you also contributed to the construction of the teachers' office at Makang'wa Primary School, about 700,000/=. You mobilized our village to seek education as their basic right. You launched various centers for providing education for many children, for example Igondola Children of Peace, St. Andrew's Preschool Center, all places which prepare our children well for the next step to Primary School. We pray for you as you continue to help our children, youth and young adults through primary, secondary and higher education. You also facilitate the provision of eye treatment services to our members, and assist some poor sick people to get necessary services to save their lives.

Honestly, Father John is volunteering, according to his abilities and promise, that he came to educate, cooperate, provide temporary employment, and to help the community as a whole, without distinction. On behalf of my community I say we will cooperate in assisting Fr. John in providing and caring for the society. May God be with you and protect you from any unpredicted mistakes, and let you shine every day. THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU!

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Village Chairman

With thanks to all.
John Naumann

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